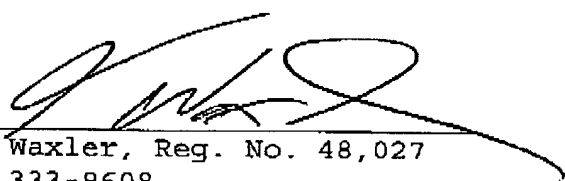


REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated April 22, 2004. In response to the Office Action's requirement for restriction, Applicants elect group III, claims 11-20 drawn to a conductive fiber, without traverse. As required under 35 U.S.C. 121, Applicants hereby elect Claim 13 - conductive polymer core.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the currently-pending claims, as herein amended, clearly define statutory subject matter. Accordingly, allowance of the currently-pending claims is now respectfully submitted to be justified, and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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